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THERE! THE ACCOUNT BOOKS ARE IN ORDER FOR ANOTHER WEEK.

YOU'RE A WHIZ, BESSIE! BUT LET'S FORGET BUSINESS. IT'S TIME TO GET STARTED FOR THE PICNIC.



MID-MORNING - IT'S A BEAUTIFUL MORNING.

I PUT IN A SPECIAL ORDER FOR BLUE SKIES AND SUNSHINE.



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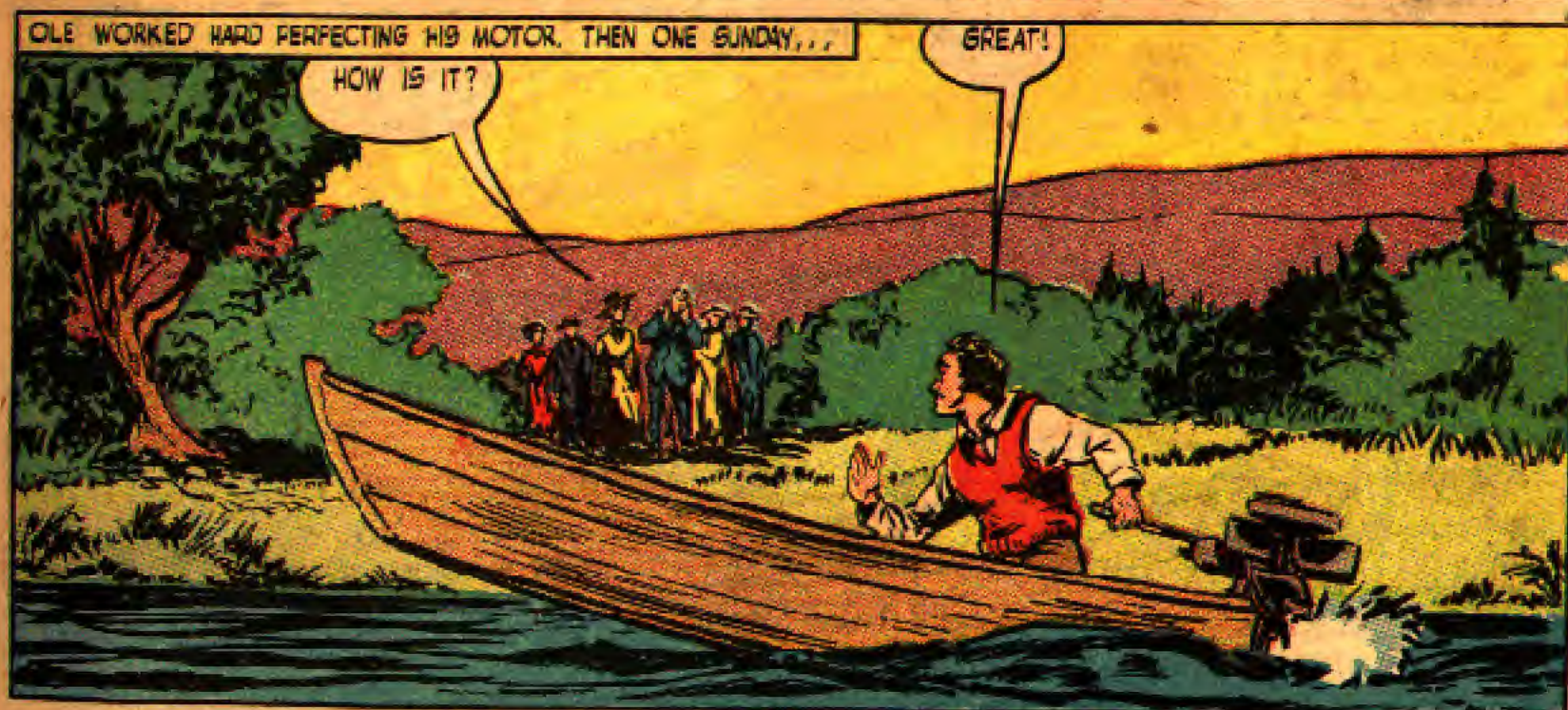
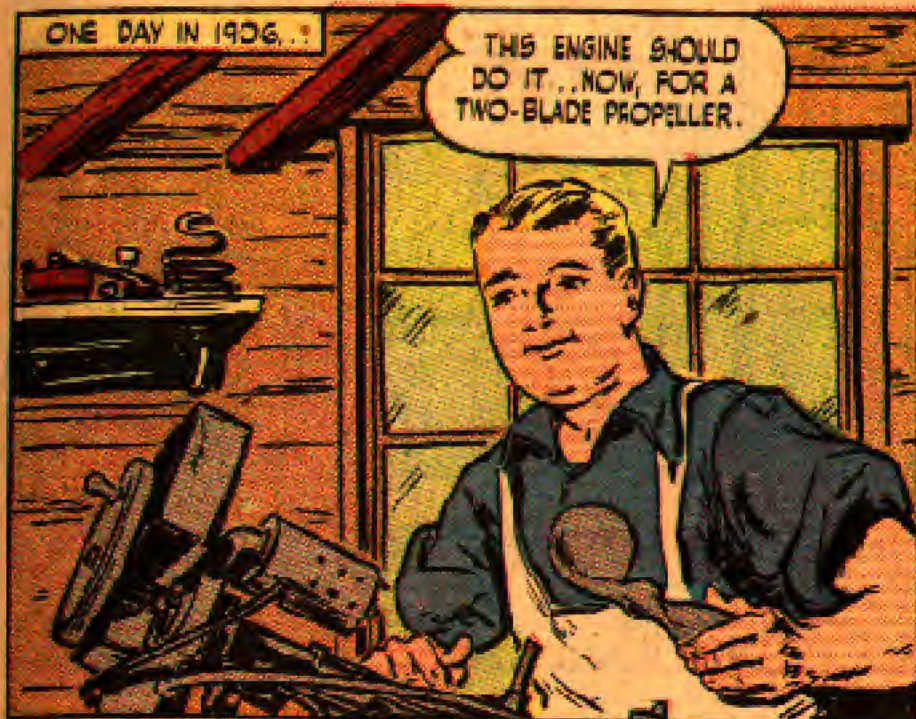
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# HARD LUCK

# HOGAN

AFTER A WINTER OF FAILURE PROSPECTING FOR GOLD IN ALASKA, "HARD LUCK" HOGAN FACED THE SPRING OF 1898. HE WAS ALMOST PENNYLESS...

MY LAST PACKAGE OF BEANS... THEN WHAT'LL I DO?

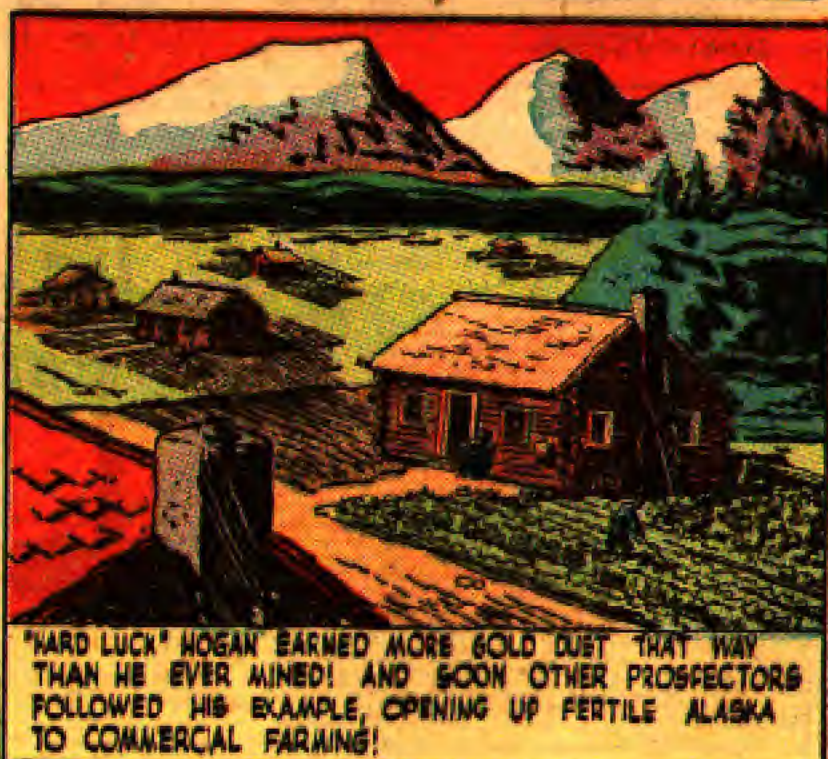
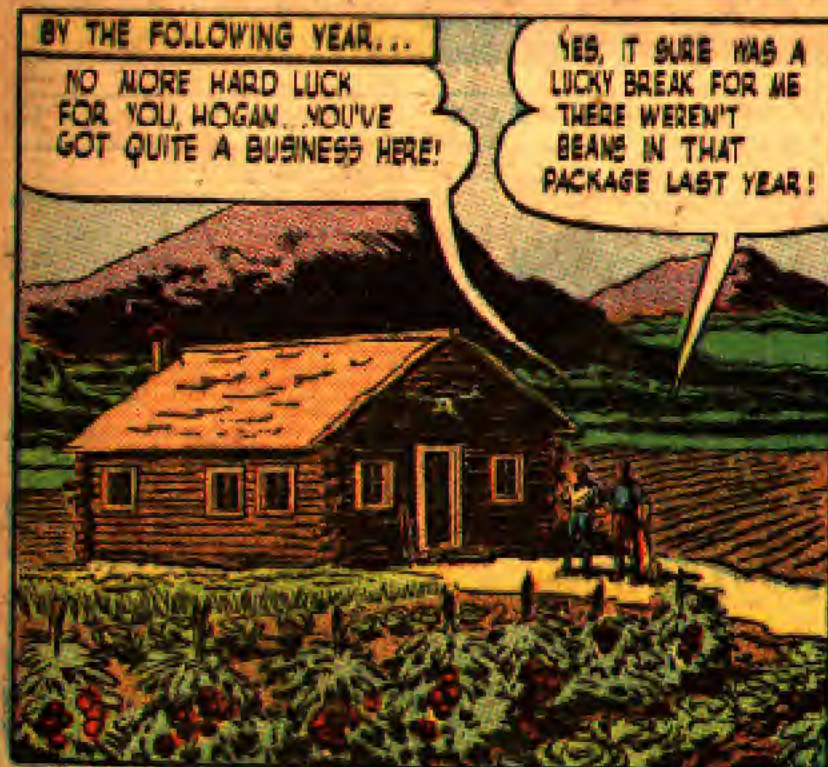
OF ALL THE ROTTEN LUCK! GARDEN SEEDS INSTEAD OF BEANS!

WELL, THAT SETTLES IT! IF I CAN'T RAISE ANOTHER GRUBSTAKE, I'M THROUGH UP HERE.

IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT ABOUT THAT PACKAGE OF BEANS. FORGET IT! BUT I'M REALLY FLAT NOW.

YOU'VE SURE HAD HARD LUCK, HOGAN. TELL YOU WHAT — I'LL STAKE YOU MYSELF THIS TIME!

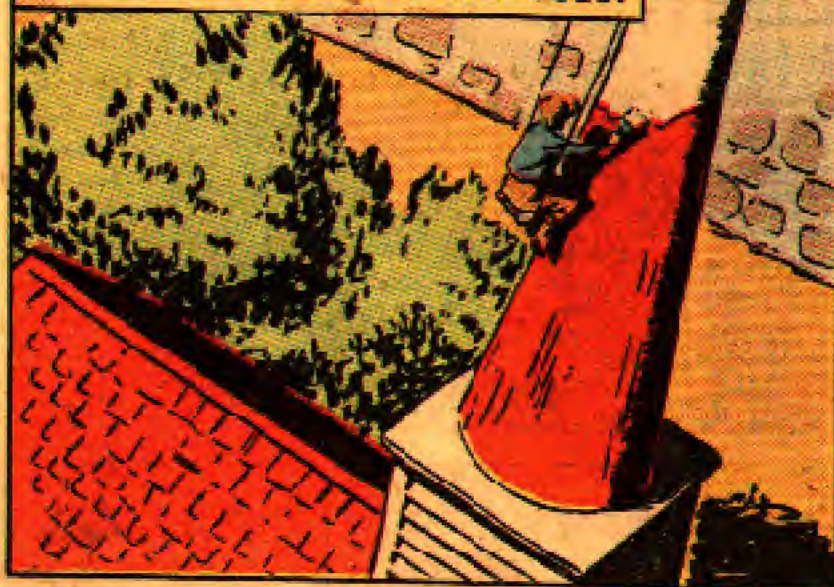




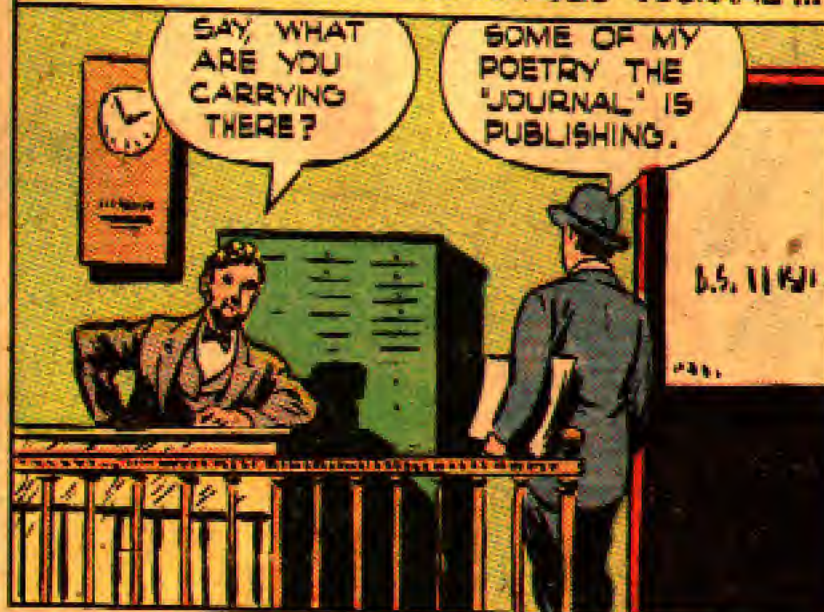


# REAL HEROES

HE WAS BORN OCTOBER 7, 1853. AS A YOUNG MAN HE HELD SEVERAL ODD JOBS.



ON THE STAFF OF THE INDIANAPOLIS 'JOURNAL'...



LATE IN 1942, ONE OF HISTORY'S GREATEST BATTLES BEGAN.



THE FURY OF THE BATTLE FOR THE CITY GREW AS THE GERMANS BROKE INTO IT.



HE WAS BORN OCTOBER 30, 1735, AND WAS KNOWN FOR HIS COURAGE AND INTENSE PATRIOTISM.



IN 1775, AS A MEMBER OF THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS...





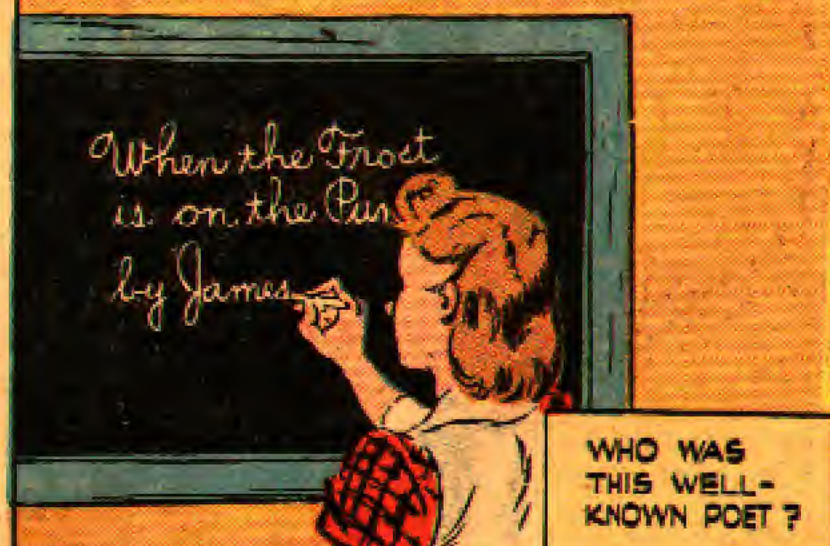
# QUIZ

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HE BECAME FAMOUS AS THE 'HOOSIER POET.'



HIS POETRY IS STILL POPULAR FOR ITS SIMPLICITY AND HUMOR.



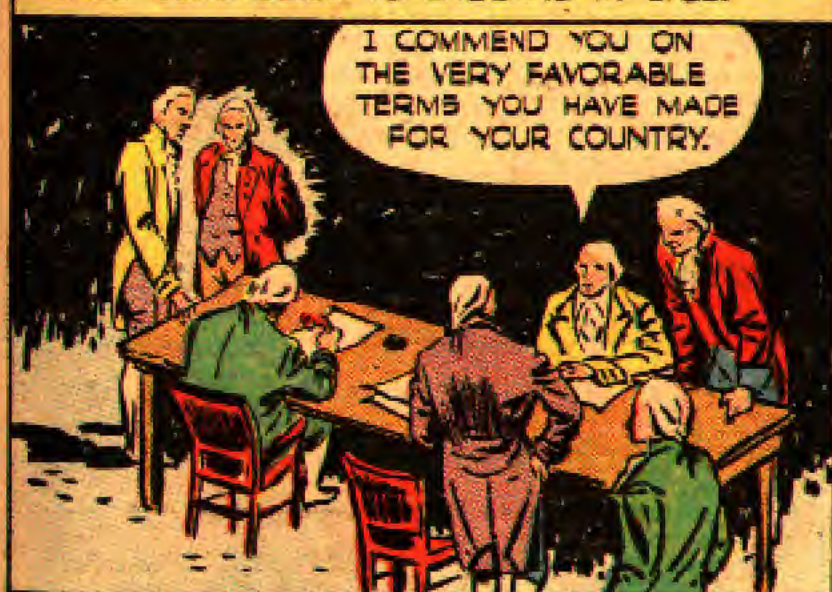
IN JANUARY, 1943, TWO RED ARMY UNITS CROSSED THE VOLGA RIVER.



ON FEBRUARY 2, THE TRAPPED NAZIS SURRENDERED TO THE HEROIC RUSSIANS.



HE WAS AN ABLE MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN PEACE COMMISSION TO ENGLAND IN 1783.



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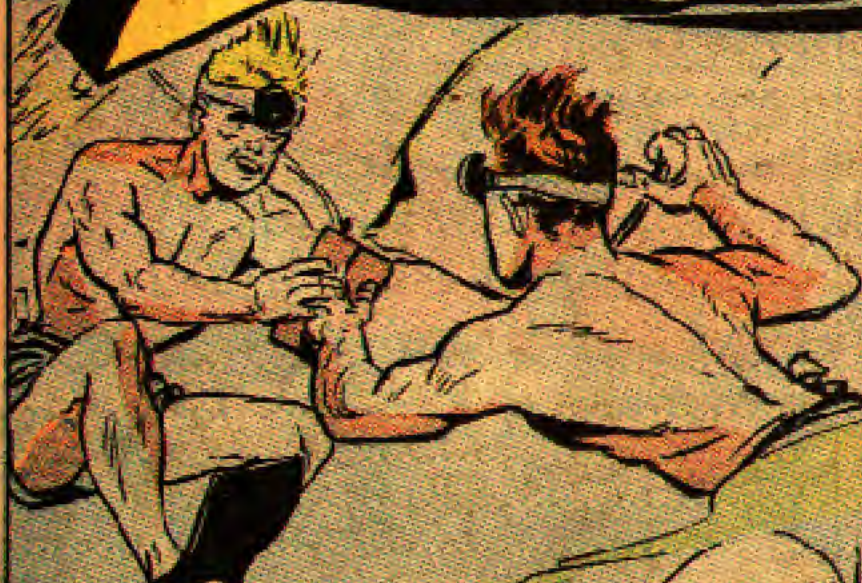
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# UNDERSEA BOMBERS



COMMANDER DRAPER L. KAUFFMAN, U.S.N.R.



PAVING THE WAY FOR THE INVASION TROOPS WERE THE DARING EXPLOITS OF THE "FIN BOYS" OF THE UNDERWATER DEMOLITION TEAMS. FOR WAR'S DURATION A TOP SECRET, THE STORY OF THESE COURAGEOUS VOLUNTEERS CAN NOW BE TOLD.

A GROUP OF SLIGHTLY MYSTIFIED MEN GATHERED AROUND LT. COM. DRAPER L. KAUFFMAN AT FORT PIERCE, FLA., IN EARLY SUMMER, 1943.



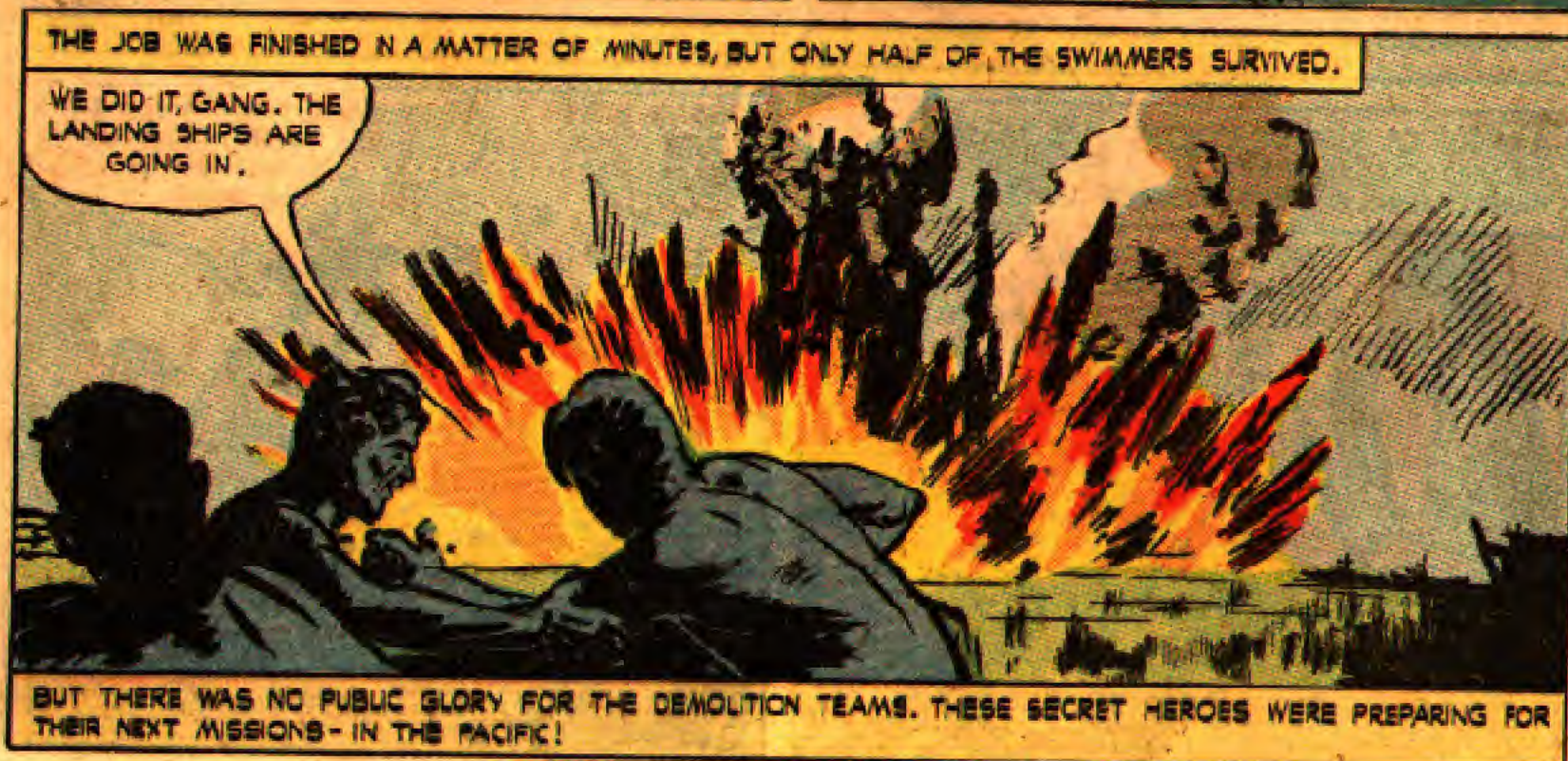
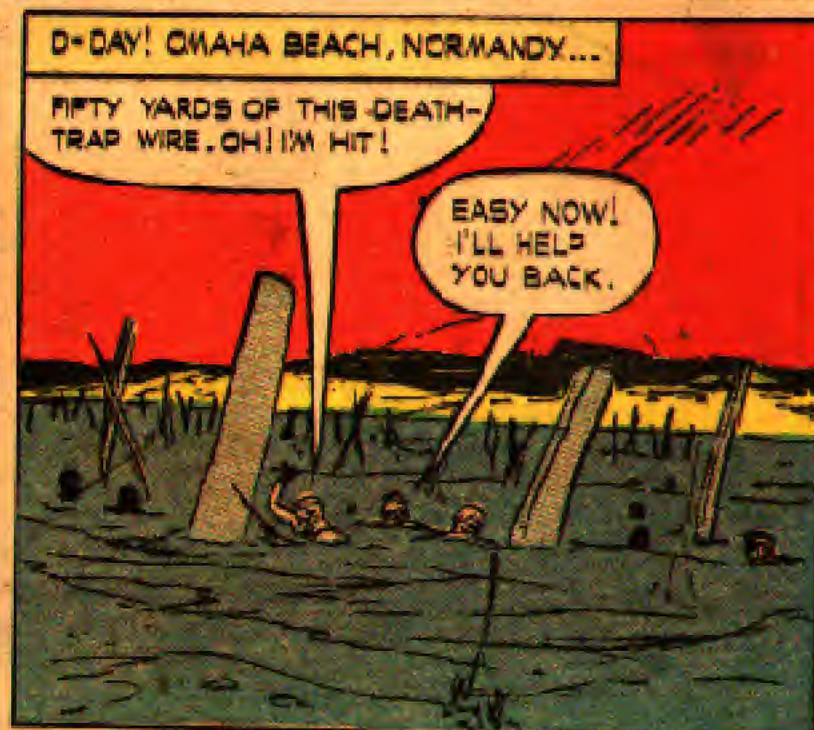
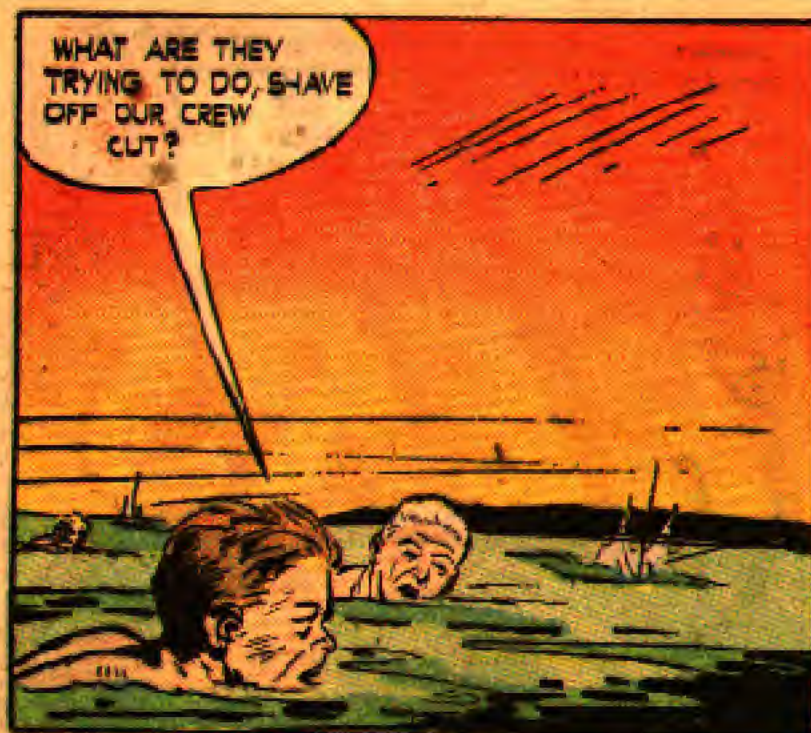
YOU'RE GOOD SWIMMERS, OR YOU WOULDN'T BE HERE. BUT YOU'LL NEED EVEN GREATER STRENGTH AND ENDURANCE FOR THE JOB AHEAD. THESE FINS WILL HELP. NOW GET INTO YOUR TRUNKS.

SORT OF A ROUGH... COURSE...

TOMORROW WE'LL START THEM WORKING UNDER WATER - AND UNDER BATTLE CONDITIONS.









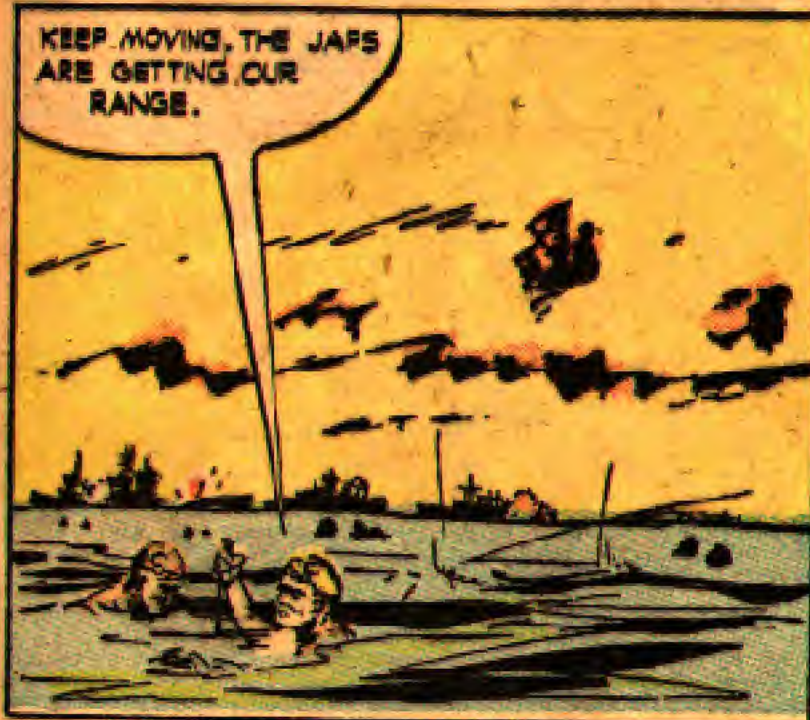
A FEW DAYS LATER, OFF THE STRATEGIC JAP-HELD ISLAND, SAIPAN, 200 SWIMMING FIGHTERS PREPARED FOR A PERILOUS MISSION.

THIS ALUMINUM CAMOUFLAGE PAINT OUGHT TO CONFUSE THE NIPS.

YES, SOMEWHAT. BUT OUR JOB IS TO MEASURE DEPTH EVERY TWENTY-FIVE YARDS FOR ABOUT A MILE IN AND THAT TAKES TIME. DON'T COUNT TOO HEAVILY ON THE PAINT.



KEEP MOVING, THE JAPS ARE GETTING OUR RANGE.



WE'RE DONE. LET'S GET OUT OF HERE - FAST!



MEANWHILE, AT THE ISLAND'S JAP HEADQUARTERS...

AMERICANS LEAVING - NOTIFY HEADQUARTERS WE STOPPED A GREAT INVASION.



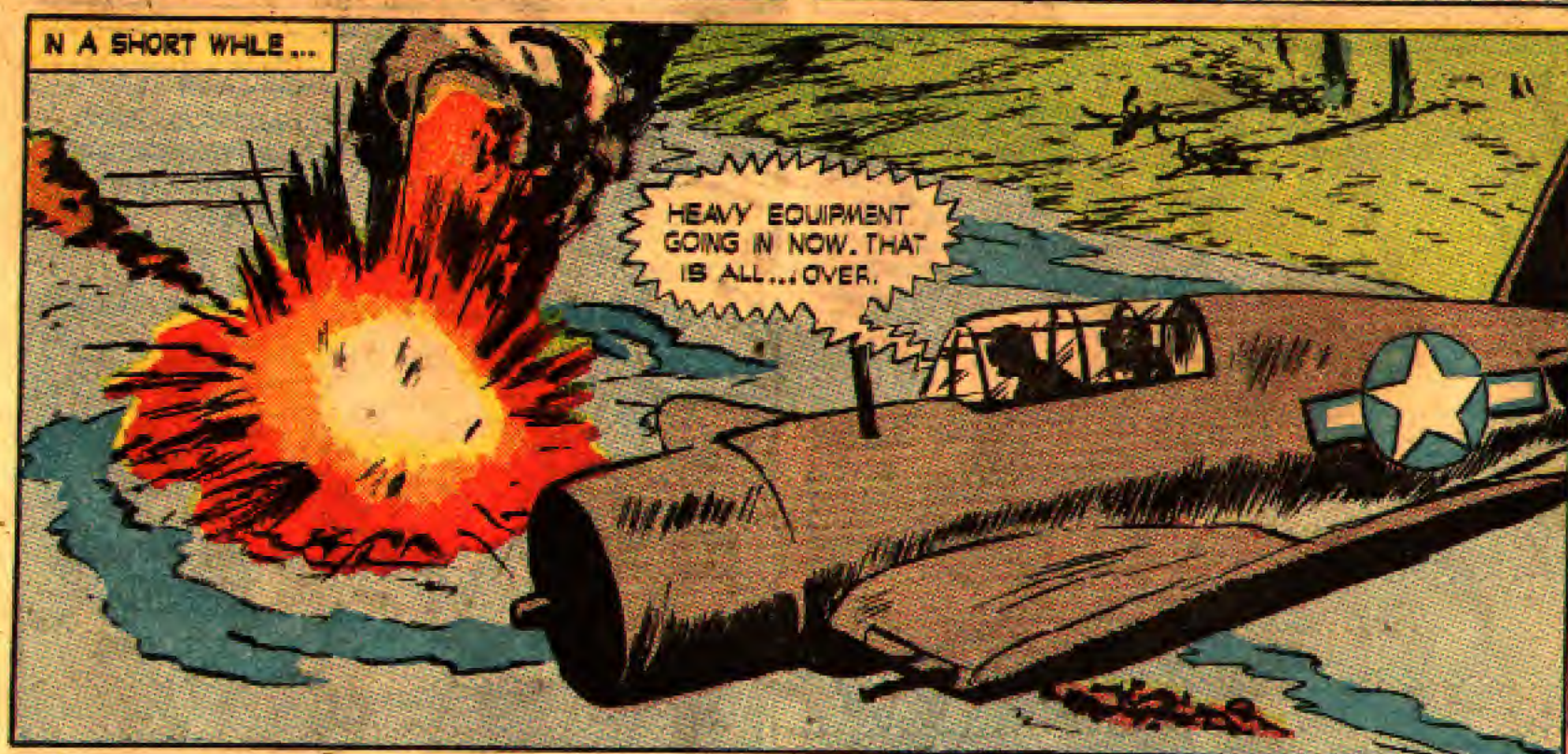
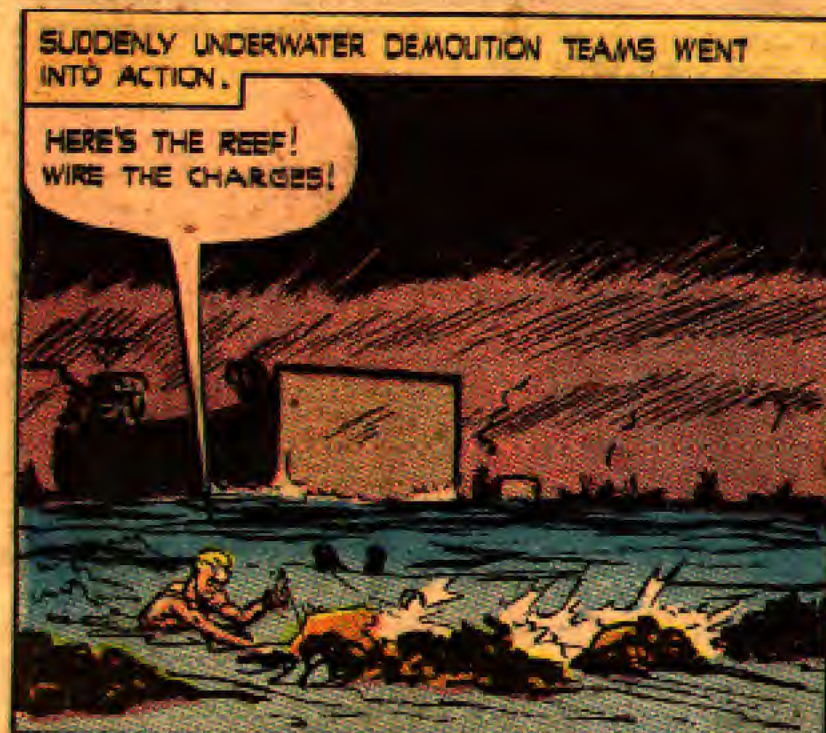
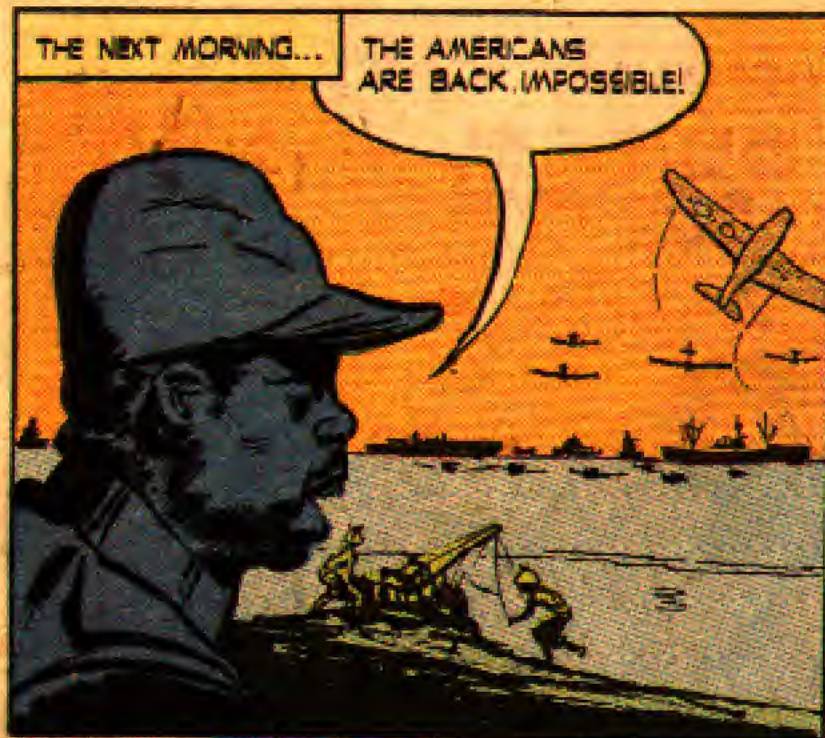
THAT NIGHT, A FEW MILES OUT TO SEA...

THIS IS THE ONLY ROUTE TANKS CAN USE TO REACH LAND.

GOOD, KAUFFMAN. NOW, GET SOME REST. YOU'VE GOT ANOTHER JOB TOMORROW.









FROM SAIPAN THE SWIMMING TERRORS MOVED TO GUAM, WHERE LATE IN JULY THEY BLASTED JAP-MADE OBSTACLES FOR FOUR DAYS AND NIGHTS.

THAT MAKES A THOUSAND JAPS BLOWN UP OR I'LL EAT MY FINS.

YES, BUT WE'D BE SUNK IF THE JAPS JUST PLANTED A FEW ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES.

BUT FOR SOME UNKNOWN REASON THE JAPS NEVER DID. THE BRAVE TEAMS PROVED INVALUABLE IN THE INVASIONS OF PALAU, LEYTE, AND IN 1945 OF IWO JIMA AND OKINAWA.

ONE DAY...

#### NOTICE

COMMANDER DRAPER L. KAUFFMAN, U. S. N. R., HAS BEEN APPOINTED CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE COMMANDER OF UNDERWATER DEMOLITION TEAMS, PACIFIC.

LOOKS LIKE WE'LL BE SWIMMING TO JAPAN HERSELF ONE OF THESE DAYS.

COMDR. DRAPER L. KAUFFMAN

VICTORY, VICTORY...

BUT AFTER AMERICA DROPPED TWO ATOM BOMBS JAPAN SURRENDERED ON AUGUST 14, 1945.

FINS AWAY, BOYS. WE'RE GOING HOME!

FROM NORMANDY TO OKINAWA, THE UNDERWATER DEMOLITION TEAMS WROTE A GLORIOUS RECORD. AND IF A JAPANESE INVASION HAD BEEN NECESSARY, YOU CAN BE SURE THAT THE FINS WOULD HAVE PADDOLED THEIR WAY RIGHT INTO TOKYO BAY!



# Luke APPLING

CHAMPION SHORT-  
STOP OF THE CHICAGO  
WHITE SOX

FANCY FIELDING  
LUKE TURNED IN  
505 ASSISTS  
IN 1946. IN  
THIS DEPARTMENT,  
HE TOPPED AMERI-  
CAN LEAGUE  
SHORTSTOPS FOR  
THE SEVENTH  
TIME — A NEW  
LEAGUE RECORD



A GREAT HITTER  
AS WELL AS A SPEC-  
TACULAR FIELDER, APPLING HAS  
RAPPED OUT 2,261 SAFETIES.  
AT THE CLOSE OF THE 1946 SEASON  
HE OWNED MORE HITS THAN ANY  
REGULAR PLAYER IN THE MAJOR  
LEAGUES



"I FIGURE IT'S SMART  
TO RIDE WITH A WINNER,"  
SAYS LUKE APPLING. "THAT'S WHY  
YOU'LL FIND ME EATING MY WHEATIES  
JUST ABOUT EVERY MORNING.  
I'VE BEEN DOING THAT FOR A  
LONG TIME. AND I STILL SAY  
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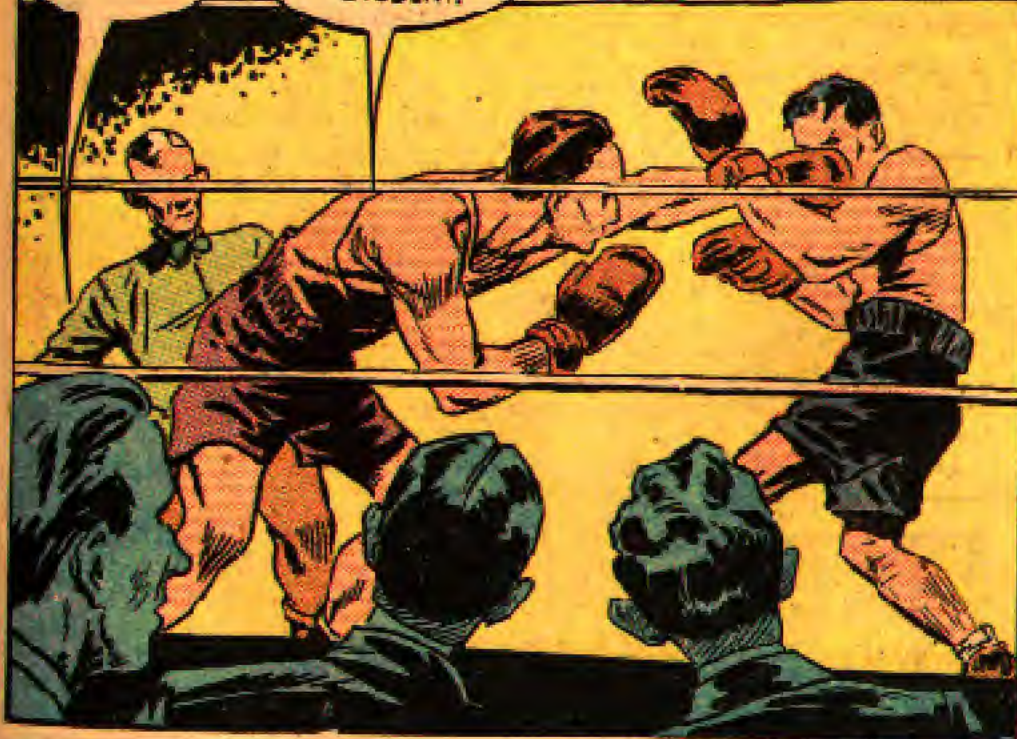


DAVID LILIENTHAL, THE MAN WHO CONTROLS THE SECRET OF THE ATOM BOMB, IS AN EXPERT AT HARNESSING THE POWERFUL FORCES OF NATURE.

AS A DE PAUW UNIVERSITY STUDENT IN INDIANA...

DAVE IS ALWAYS A SURE WINNER.

HE'S NOT ONLY A BOXER BUT A PHI BETA KAPPA STUDENT.



COLLEGE DAYS WERE FOLLOWED BY LAW PRACTICE. LATER HE EDITED A UTILITIES MAGAZINE.

HERE'S MY EDITORIAL ON THE NEED FOR LOWER GAS AND ELECTRICITY RATES.





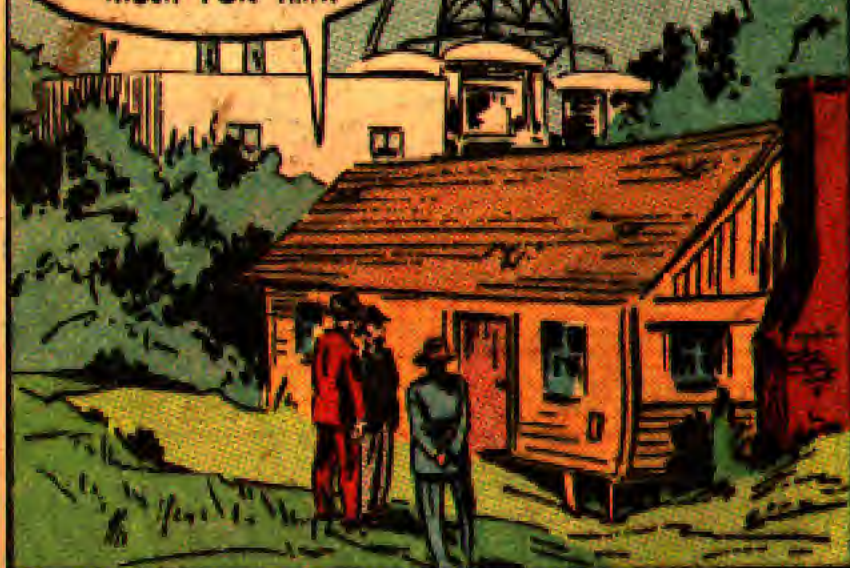
LILIENTHAL'S EDITORIALS ATTRACTED GOVERNOR LA FOLLETTE OF WISCONSIN.

I LIKE YOUR IDEAS ON POWER RATES, LILIENTHAL. WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION?



HE ACCEPTED THE POST AND CONTINUED HIS FIGHT FOR LOWER ELECTRICITY RATES.

THIS FARMER LIVES NEXT TO A POWER PLANT, BUT ELECTRICITY COSTS TOO MUCH FOR HIM.



LILIENTHAL'S WORK INTERESTED PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AND IN 1933...

I BELIEVE YOU CAN HELP US PLAN A POWER PROJECT FOR THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AREA.



AS ONE OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY...

WE MUST BRING CHEAP ELECTRICITY TO THE MILLION AND A HALF PEOPLE HERE AND BUILD DAMS TO STOP FLOODS, START INDUSTRIES AND BUILD SCHOOLS.



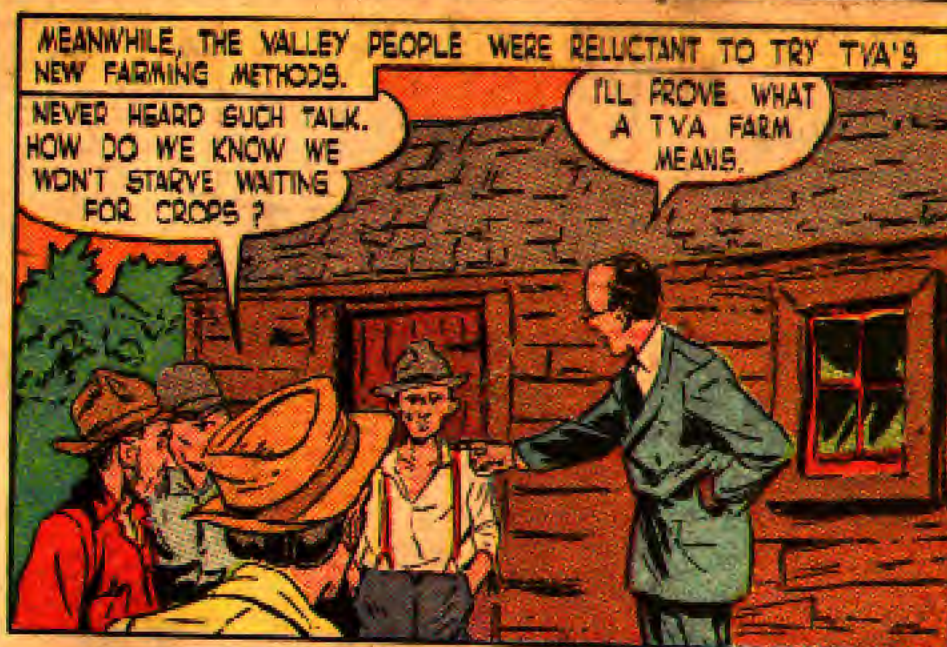
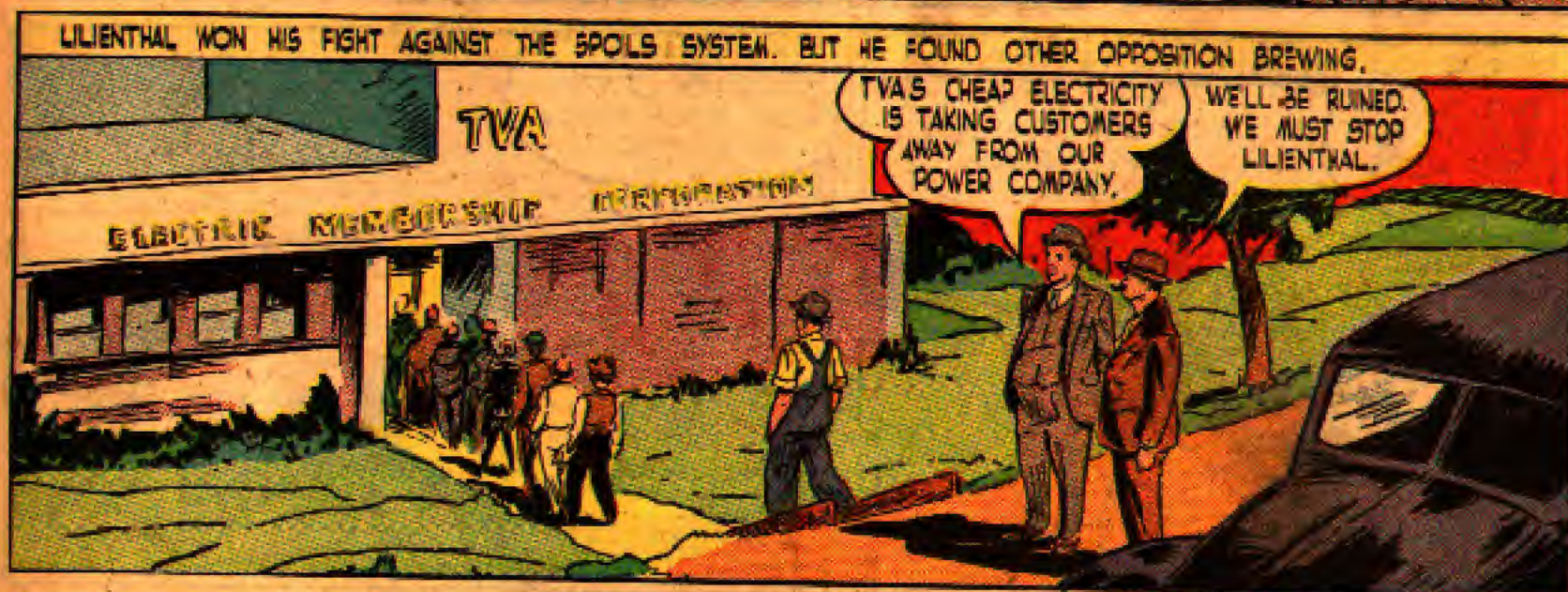
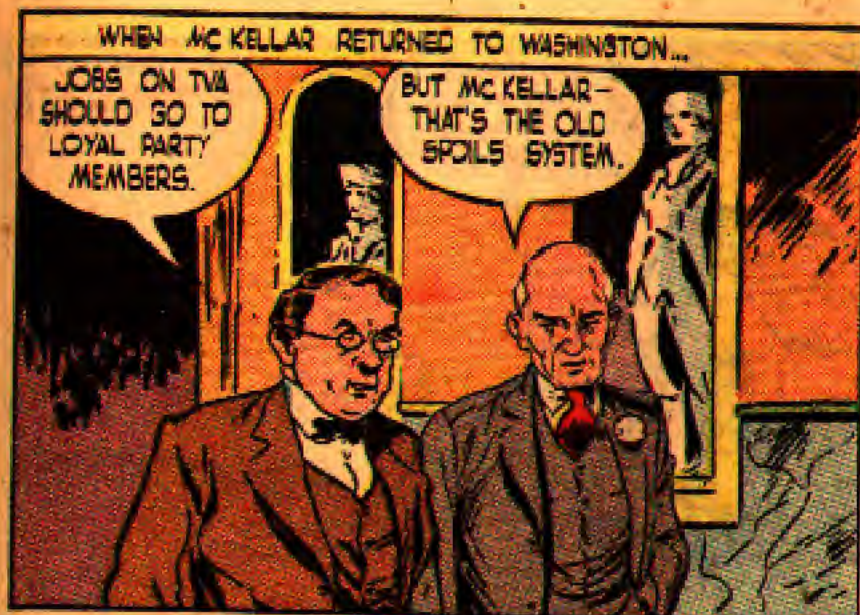
THE TVA PROJECT GOT UNDER WAY.

THIS WILL BE PART OF A NETWORK OF TWENTY-ONE DAMS, SENATOR MC KELLAR.

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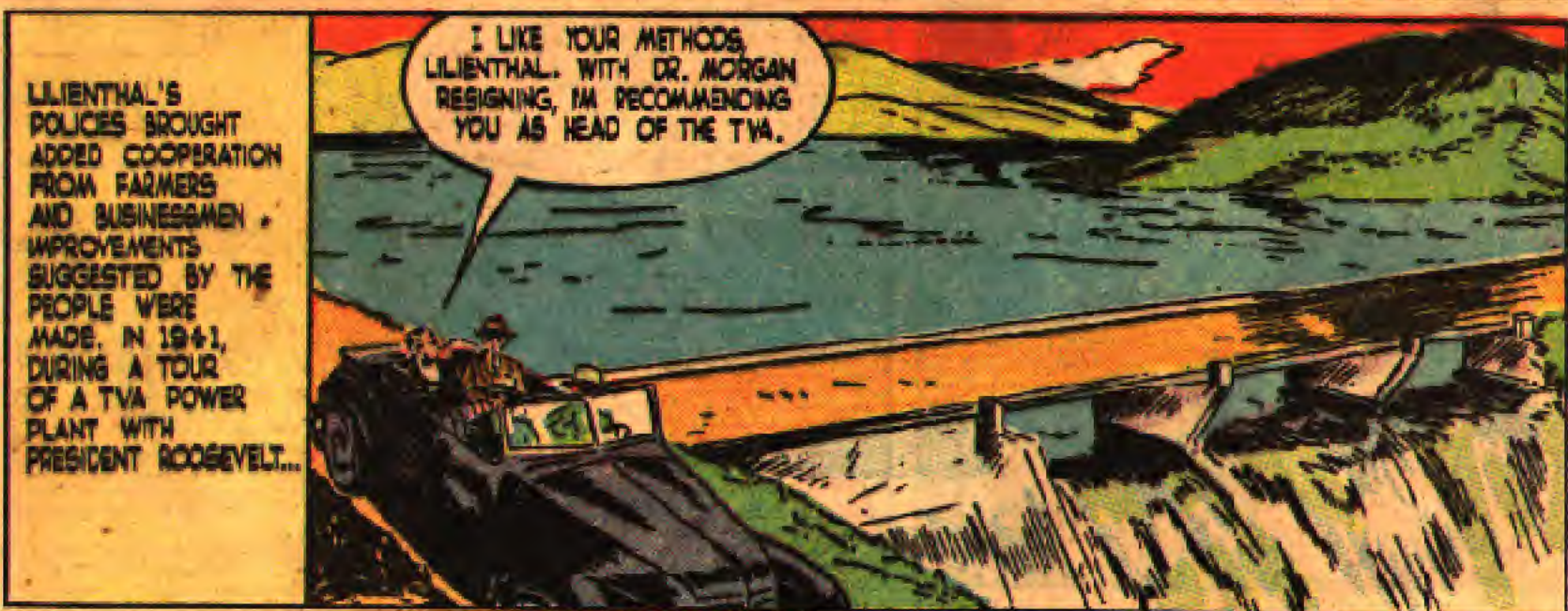
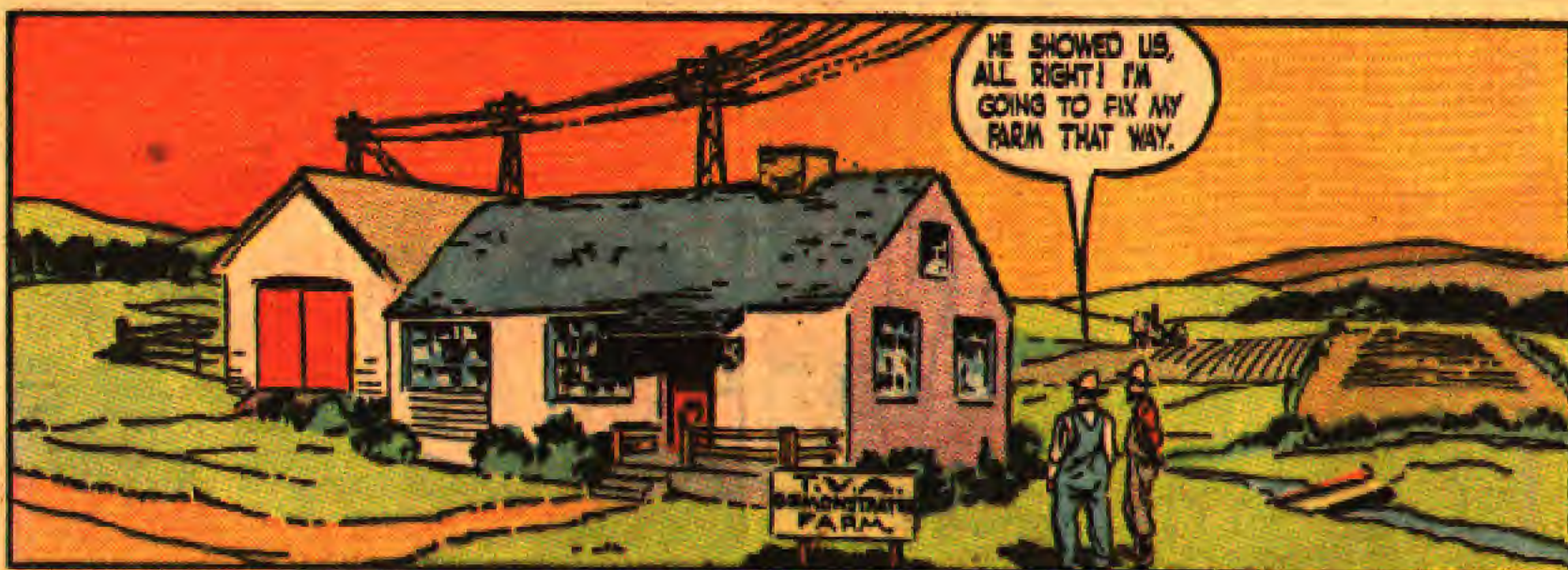
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UNDER LILIENTHAL'S DIRECTION, TVA PROSPERED AND BROUGHT TO THE PEOPLE OF THE VALLEY...

MODERN SCHOOLS

GREAT DAMS TO PREVENT FLOODS AND PRODUCE CHEAP ELECTRICITY

MODERN FARMING METHODS AND EQUIPMENT

BETTER HOUSING

LILIENTHAL PREPARED A PLAN FOR THE ATOM'S USE AND CONTROL.

THE PLAN PROPOSES THAT ATOMIC ENERGY SHOULD BE USED TO HELP MANKIND.

WHEN WAR CAME, THE TVA REGION TURNED ITS INDUSTRIAL POWER INTO A HUGE ARSENAL. THE ATOM BOMB, PRODUCED AT OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE, BURST OPEN A NEW ERA.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN APPOINTED HIM CHAIRMAN OF THE U.S. ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION. BUT OPPOSITION AROSE IN CONGRESS.

HE'S TOO SOFT WITH THE LEFT - WINGERS.

FALSE ACCUSATIONS WERE HURLED AT LILIENTHAL WHICH HE EMPHATICALLY DENIED. WHEN ASKED WHAT HE BELIEVED IN, HE DELIVERED HIS FAMOUS CREDO.

I DEEPLY BELIEVE IN THE CAPACITY OF DEMOCRACY...

HIS SPEECH REFLECTED THE IDEAL OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY AND AMERICA'S LEADERS LISTENED AND APPROVED.

CONGRATULATIONS. YOUR SPEECH SHOWED THAT YOU'RE THE MAN TO GUIDE THE ATOMIC COMMITTEE.

THANKS. THE JOB IS TO PUT WORDS INTO ACTION.

AS CHAIRMAN OF THE U.S. ATOMIC ENERGY COMMITTEE, LILIENTHAL HAS A DIFFICULT TASK AHEAD.



# TRULY COMIC!



**Sid:** Is it bad luck to have a cat follow you?

**Joe:** It depends on whether you're a man or a mouse.

*Charles Reardon, Watertown, N. Y.*

**Jim:** What are you doing these days?

**Bill:** I'm working in a clock factory.

**Jim:** What are you doing there?

**Bill:** Making faces.

*Merle Aleshire, Carthage, Ill.*

**First ghost:** Last night I got locked into the house I was haunting.

**Second ghost:** How did you get out?

**First ghost:** I used my skeleton key.

*John Tomlinson, Lake Wales, Fla.*

**Small boy (to porter):** Say, mister, may I help you?

**Porter (laughing):** What could you do, son?

**Small boy:** I could grunt while you lift.

*Mary Ann Valenti, Springfield, Mass.*

**Teacher:** What is the plural of man?

**Pupil:** Men.

**Teacher:** What is the plural of child?

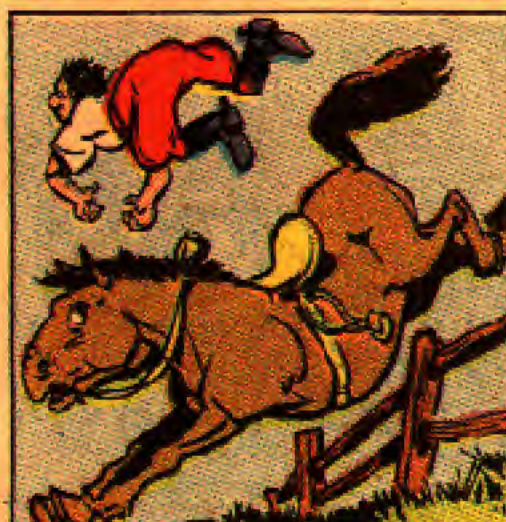
**Pupil:** Twins.

*Carter Conley, White Post, Va.*

**Father:** I'm sorry, son, but we can't buy this mongrel.

**Son:** He's not a mongrel, Dad. He's four different kinds of thoroughbreds.

*Henry Waldorf, Dunkirk, New York*



**Willy:** Is your new hunting horse well-behaved?

**Billy:** He certainly is! He has such good manners that when we come to a fence, he stops and lets me go over first.

*Joseph Brzak, Brooklyn, N. Y.*

A pilot, forced to abandon his plane, was parachuting down through space when he came upon an old woman shooting up past him. "Hey, Lady!" he cried. "Seen anything of a Mustang going down?"

"Just passed it," she called back. "Seen anything of a gas stove going up?"

*Jane Ann Gray, Barnesboro, Pa.*

**Tom:** I read that fish grow very fast.

**Cyril:** They do. My father caught one last year and it grows every time he talks about it.

*Billy Adams, Johnson City, Tenn.*

**Dad (showing his son an armless statue in a museum):** See what will happen if you keep biting your nails.

*Leonard Stevens, Durban, South Africa*

It was the night before the Kentucky Derby. The two favorites were talking in their stalls. One horse said, "I've got the Derby sewed up."

"Says you," scoffed the other. "What makes you so sure of yourself?"


"Didn't you see my owner whispering in my ear? He told me if I win tomorrow he'll give me two extra bales of hay. And brother, that ain't money!"

*Alice Anne Blair, Minneola, Kansas*

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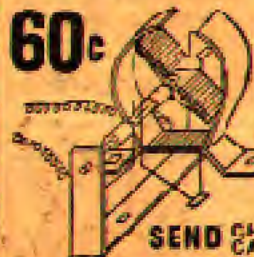
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# TRULY COMIC!



Lady: Why did you enlist in the Navy, young man?

Sailor: Because I liked the nice clean ships.

Lady: And what has the Navy taught you?

Sailor: How it keeps those nice ships clean.

Roger Burke, Moorings, South Dakota

Teacher (in geography class): Billy, can you tell me where the Red Sea is?

Billy: 'On the third line of my report card.

Helen Marais, Franklin, Mass.

Janet: What has more lives than a cat?

Jean: I don't know. What?

Janet: A frog. He croaks every night.

Shirley Slaver, Woodburn, Oregon

First Inventor: I'm presenting my new washing machine to the Navy.

Second Inventor: Why the Navy?

First Inventor: So the sailors won't make any noise when they wash their bell bottom trousers.

Lloyd Herbers, Bancroft, Iowa

Rita: I went to a hotel for a change and a rest.

Lucy: Did you get it?

Rita: Well, the bellboy got my change and the hotel got the rest.

Kay Davis, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Mibs: Why do you wear one black and one brown shoe?

Dibs: I can't help it. My only other pair is the same.

Arlene Keyes, Long Island City, N. Y.



Reporter (to boy hero): What made you risk your life to save your friend?

Boy hero: I had to do it. He was wearing my skates.

Walter Miller, Jr., Evanston, Ill.

A man struggling in a doorway with a piano was glad of the offer of assistance from a passer-by. Both tugged and pulled for hours until the owner of the piano gasped. "Phew! At this rate, it will take us hours to get it out!"

"Out?" screamed the other. "Why didn't you say you wanted it out? I've been trying to push it in."

Marie Thompson, Lonsdale, Alberta, Canada

Teacher: Johnny, why should we eat carrots?

Johnny: Because they're good for our eyes.

Teacher: How do we know?

Johnny: Did you ever see a rabbit wearing glasses?

Wanda Walker, Seattle, Wash.

Disgusted restaurant customer: What do you call this stuff, coffee or tea?

Waiter (calmly): What does it taste like?

Customer: It tastes like kerosene.

Waiter: Then it's coffee. Our tea tastes like turpentine.

Harold Ann Larson, Hesperia, Mich.

Mother: Why did you spank Junior?

Father: He gets his report card tomorrow and I'll be out of town.

Robert McKeehan, Los Angeles, Calif.



Ship captain: Have you cleaned the deck and polished the brass?

Sailor: Yes, sir, and I've swept the horizon with my telescope.

Ross Morgan, Oakbridge, Oregon

Teacher: What happens when the human body is submerged in water?

Student: The phone rings.

Dick Soshed, Duluth, Minn.

Junior was crouched in the corner crying bitterly, when his mother found him.

"What's the matter, dear?" she asked.

"Daddy hit his thumb with a hammer," sobbed Junior.

"You shouldn't cry over that. Why didn't you just laugh?" his mother consoled.

"I did laugh," whimpered Junior.

Jean Mayhugh, Jacobsburg, Ohio

Pete: Why do you call your dog Baseball?

Andy: He catches flies, chases fowl, and runs for home when he sees the catcher coming.

Jackie Richardson, Loretto, Ky.

When his plane caught fire, the pilot adjusted his parachute and jumped. He landed in a tree and laboriously climbed to the ground. There, a dour farmer watched him with interest.

"I was trying to set a record," said the pilot.

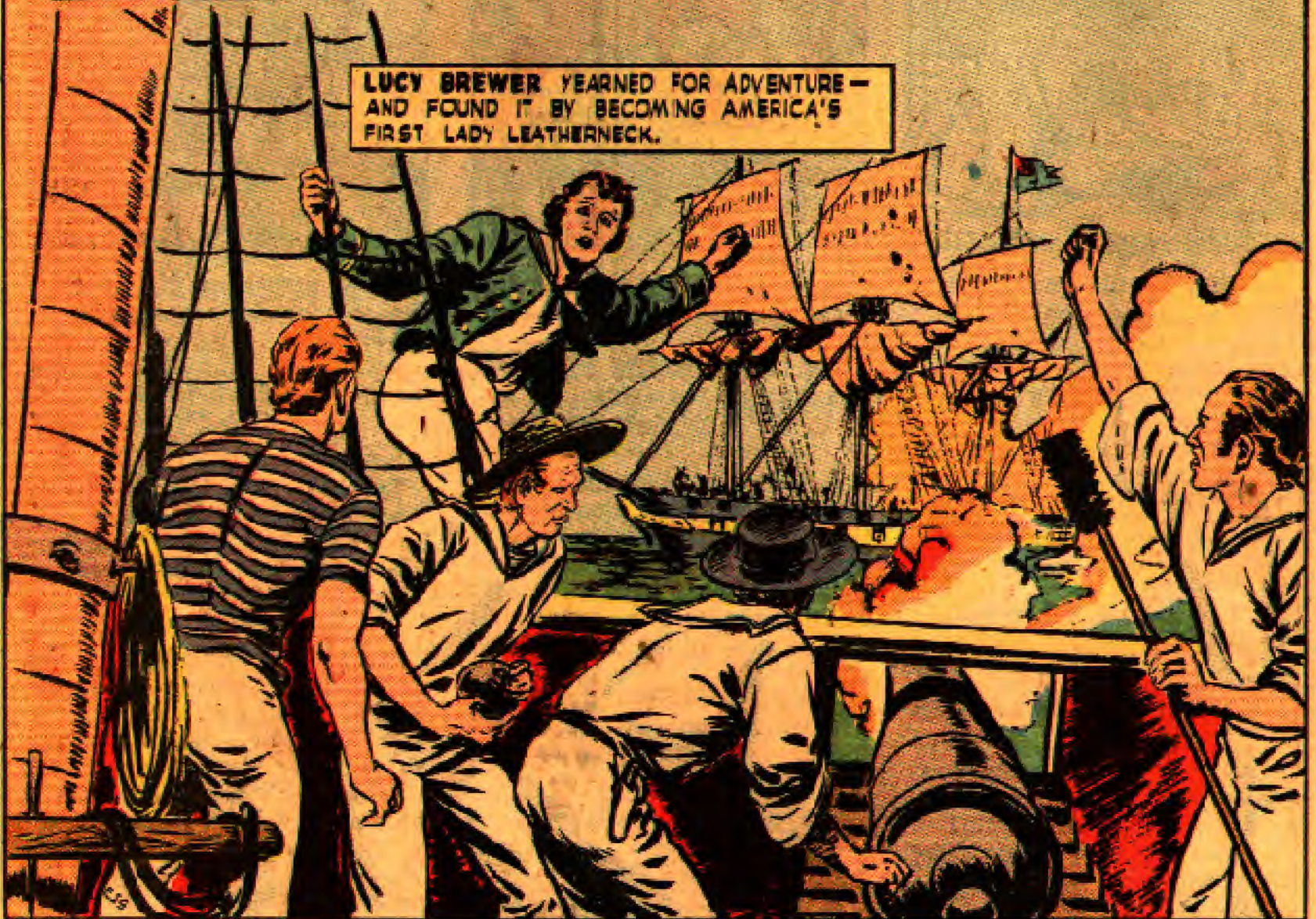
"Well, you did," answered the farmer. "You're the first man in these parts to climb down a tree without first climbing up it."

Harold Whysony, Indier, Pa.



# LADY LEATHERNECK

LUCY BREWER YEARNED FOR ADVENTURE—  
AND FOUND IT BY BECOMING AMERICA'S  
FIRST LADY LEATHERNECK.



DURING THE WAR OF 1812...

KEEP SHOOTING  
AT THEM,  
GEORGE!

WE'VE GOT  
TO MAKE  
EVERY  
SHOT COUNT.



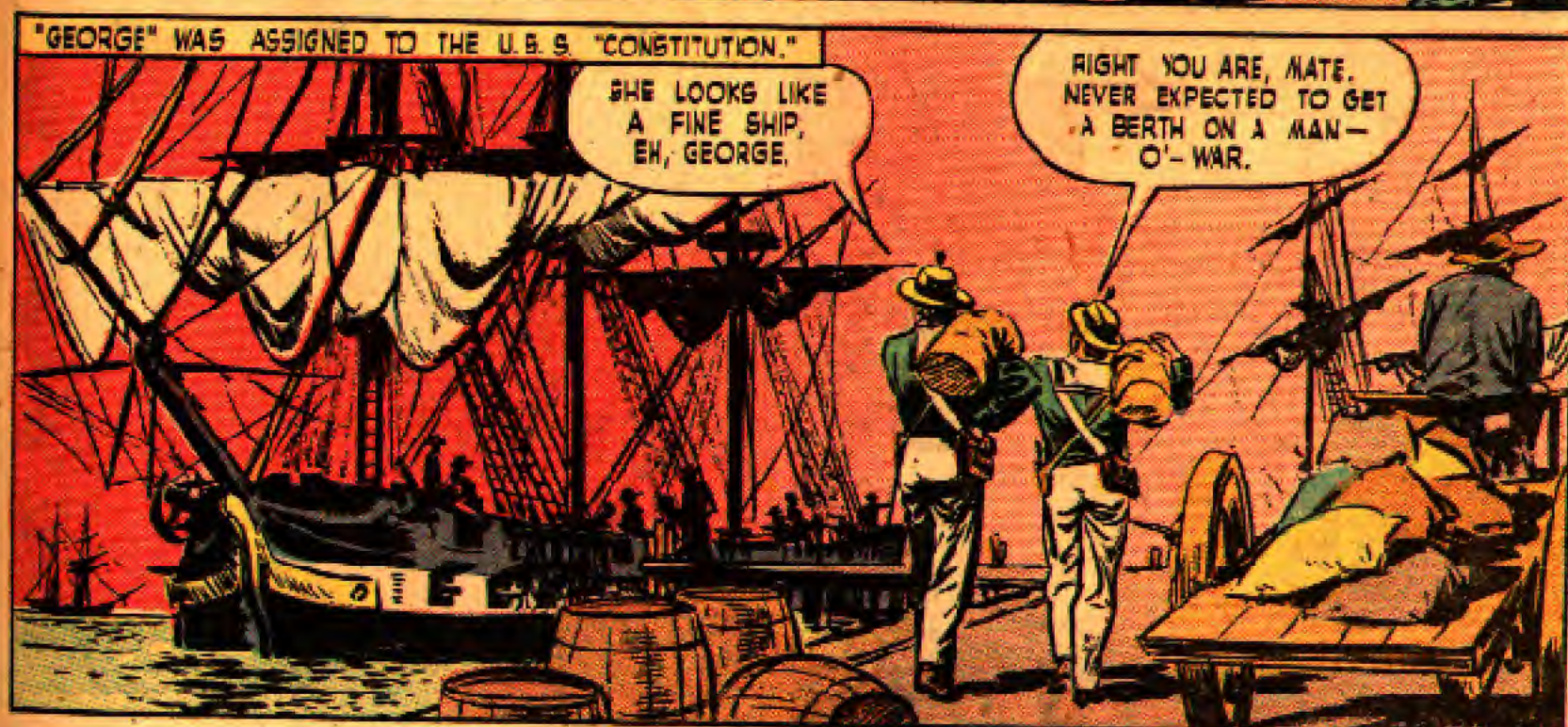
THEY'RE  
SINKING  
FAST.

GOOD BOY,  
GEORGE!

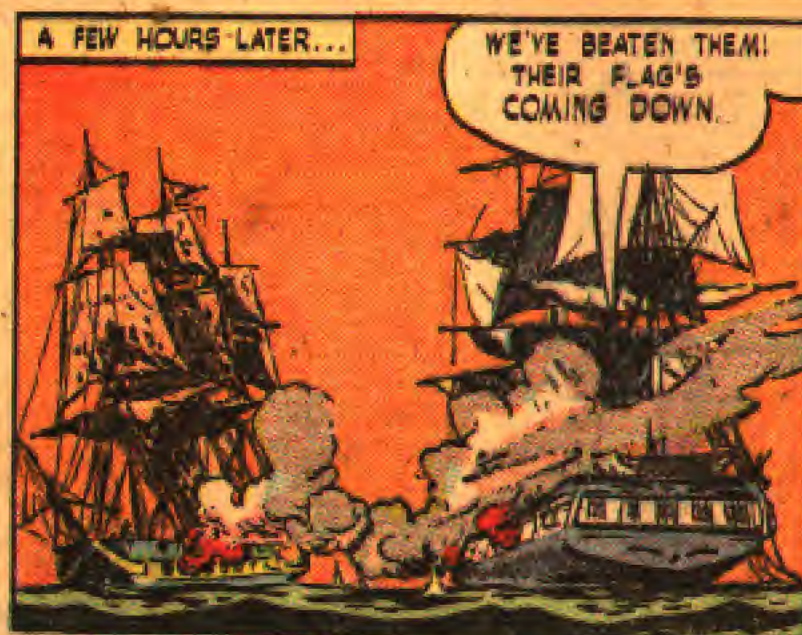
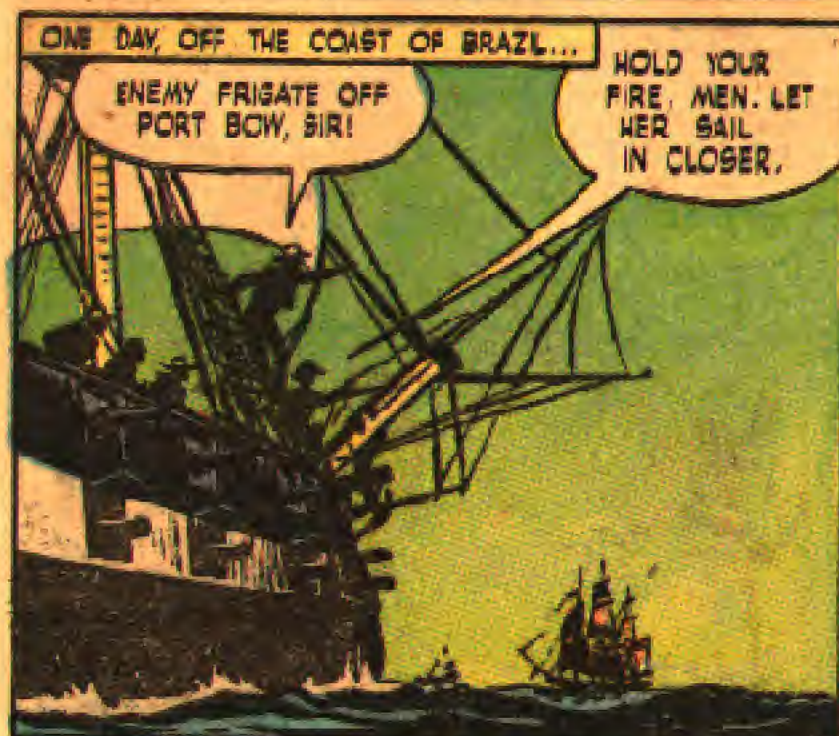


BUT "GEORGE" WASN'T A BOY... "HE" WAS LUCY  
BREWER WHOSE STRANGE STORY BEGAN WHEN...

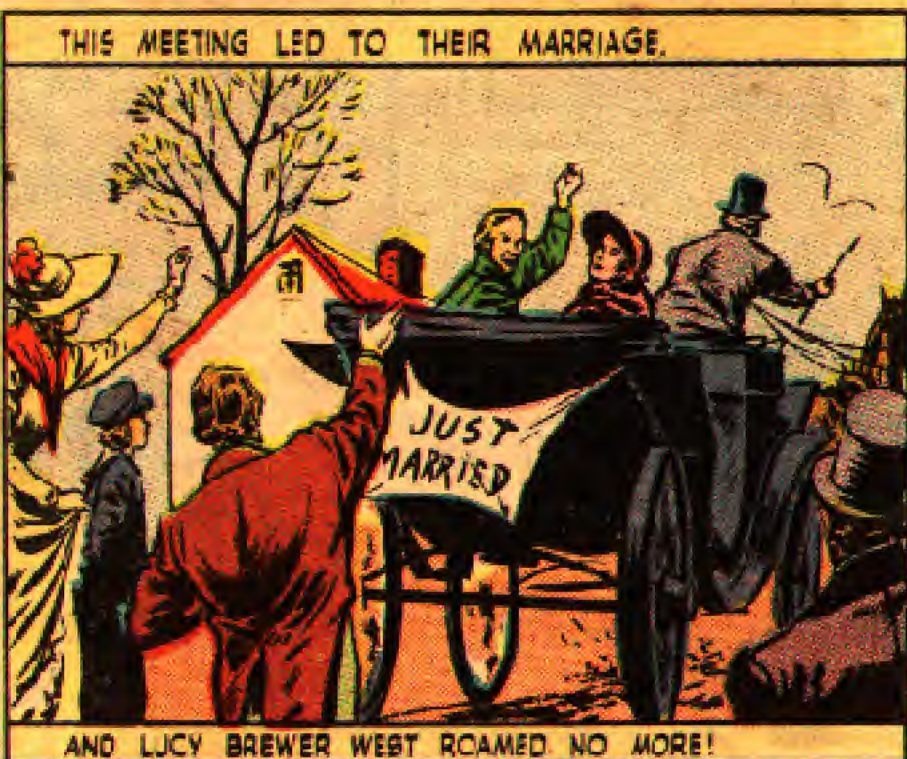












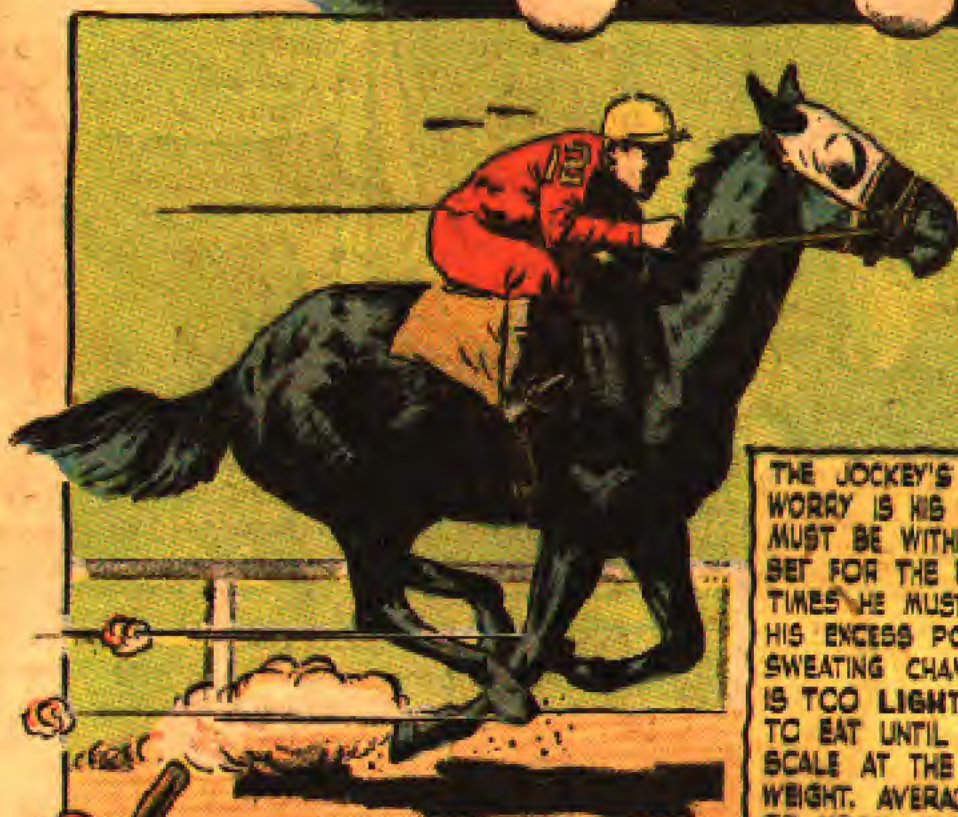


# ODDITIES IN SPORTS

MORE PEOPLE PLAY BILLIARDS THAN ANY OTHER GAME IN THE WORLD! MANY CENTURIES AGO, BILLIARDS WAS PLAYED ON THE FLOOR, THE PLAYERS SHOOTING THE BALL AROUND THE ROOM. LATER RAILINGS WERE BUILT TO CONFINE PLAY TO A LIMITED SPACE, AND EVENTUALLY THE GAME WAS 'LIFTED' TO A TABLE PASTIME.



NIGHT BASEBALL IS NOT A RECENT INNOVATION. THE FIRST NIGHT GAME WAS PLAYED FIFTY-TWO YEARS AGO AT FORT WAYNE, INDIANA. DURING THAT GAME, EACH SIDE MADE A DOZEN ERRORS!



THE JOCKEY'S PRINCIPAL WORRY IS HIS WEIGHT, WHICH MUST BE WITHIN THE LIMITS SET FOR THE RACE. MANY TIMES HE MUST "SWEAT OFF" HIS EXCESS POUNDS IN A SWEATING CHAMBER. IF HE IS TOO LIGHT HE IS FORCED TO EAT UNTIL HE TIPS THE SCALE AT THE CORRECT WEIGHT. AVERAGE WEIGHT OF MOST JOCKEYS IS ABOUT 112 POUNDS.





# TRUE'S NEWS FROM HOLLYWOOD

Patricia Morison, who plays the huntress in RKO's **TARZAN AND THE HUNTRESS**, tells us why Tarzan's pet chimp is called Cheeta. "He cheats!" says Patricia. "He always manages to put on a little act not in the script—and certainly not in his trainer's orders. Cheeta's a real comic who knows how to steal every scene."

There was a blizzard the night the New York movie critics had to see **IT HAPPENED ON FIFTH AVENUE**, first Allied Artists release distributed by Monogram. But the critics didn't mind, because they were picked up and carried to the theater in style via the world-famous Fifth Avenue buses. Later, three of these buses traveled all across the country, advertising the film, and everyone got a chance to see what a double-decker bus looks like. There was a huge celebration when the buses reached Los Angeles, because no one believed that the drivers would know where to drive, once they got off Fifth Avenue!

In the movie **DEAR RUTH**, William Holden is supposed to send Joan Caulfield hundreds of bouquets of lilacs. Well, lilacs just don't grow in Southern California at any time, and it was the wrong time of year to get them anywhere else in the country. Paramount's prop man had to import them from Mexico.

George Emerson and Ralph Stockman weren't listed as the stars of MGM's **THE YEARLING**, but they might well have been. These two men were responsible for recruiting the animal talent in the film, and training them to act. The featured animals in **THE YEARLING** included 4 bears, 26 white-tailed deer, 12 raccoons, 13 hound dogs, 17 buzzards, 6 rattlesnakes, 4 fawns, an alligator and a miscellaneous group of doves, owls, squirrels, pigs, cows, horses, chickens and goats. The most important factors in getting exceptional animal scenes, Emerson and Stockman will tell you, are kindness, patience, and a feeling for animal psychology. The animals are encouraged to follow simple commands in much the same way puppies are trained, and are rewarded by choice tidbits of food. Another interesting angle on shooting animal scenes in **THE YEARLING** is the fact that "stand-ins" were used for a great many of the animals.

When you see Columbia's **THREE WERE THOROUGH-BREDS**, you'll see the entire population of Tubac. How come? Well, all 35 inhabitants of Tubac, which is 40 miles south of Tucson, were hired for the movie when extras were needed during the shooting of the picture near that 300-year-old adobe town.

Walter Hoffman, the "dean of dynamite men" had his biggest job during the filming of the Cecil B. DeMille epic, **UNCONQUERED**. This is the Paramount picture which celebrates DeMille's (and Hoffman's) thirty-fifth year in the movies. For the siege in **UNCONQUERED**, Hoffman and his men used 1,500 arrows without flames, 500 arrows with flaming points, 300 fireballs and 50 flintlocks. The fireballs were made of dried moss wrapped in birch bark and dipped in kerosene. Stationed at the master control board, Hoffman set off 500 pounds of black powder, 300 pounds of dynamite and 50 pounds of flash powder. A wire-battery arrangement exploded bombs buried in the earth to add smoke, dust and noise to the battle confusion.

One of the scenes in Universal-

International's **THE EGG AND I** takes place at a county fair. Many of the prize Herefords shown in the livestock pavilion belong to Hollywood personalities who are ranchers on the side, among them Joel McCrea, Vic McLaglen, Jack Haley, Walter Brennan, Bing Crosby, and Bob Burns. Claudette Colbert and Fred MacMurray ran a real chicken farm for the picture, and the eggs were sold by the Famous Farmer's Market for one dollar a dozen, for the benefit of the Braille Institute of America, suppliers of books for the blind.

One of the big scenes in United Artists' **THE SIN OF HAROLD DIDDLEBOCK** shows Harold Lloyd dangling in mid-air from a New York City skyscraper. When it came time to shoot this rib-tickling episode, the director had to hire 150 extras to stand in the street below and look up, because New Yorkers are so used to strange sights that no crowd collected when the cameraman was ready to shoot!

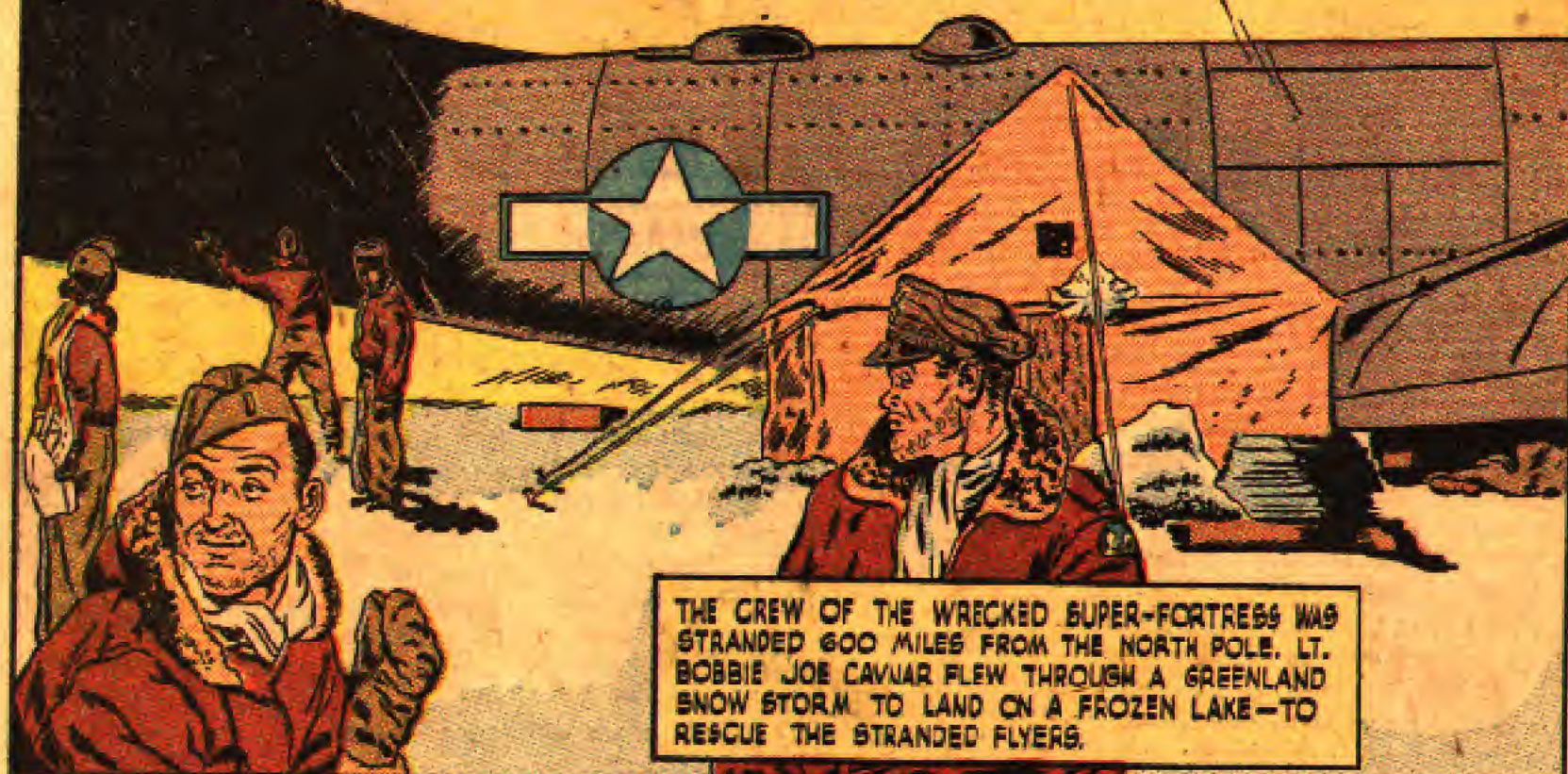
**MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET** was made by Twentieth Century-Fox in New York City, and most of it was filmed in Macy's Department Store—largest in the world. The shooting was done around Christmas time. Cameras were set up before the store opened in the morning and shooting began as soon as enough customers arrived to fill the screen. As soon as the crowds of shoppers became too large, the company moved to other parts of the store. Back at the studio, some of these settings had to be duplicated for close-ups, and Santa Claus's throne was copied exactly as it had been set up in the store. Jack Straus, head of Macy's, was fascinated by this set and spent one whole morning looking for mistakes, but couldn't find a single one! One of the problems the prop man had to face was getting 5,000 authentic looking Santa Claus letters, which were an important part of the plot. 50,000 letters were used in one scene, but only 5,000 had to look real. Three men addressed letters to Santa Claus for almost a week, after which the letters were stamped and taken to the New York Post Office for cancellation.





# ROCKET RESCUE

IN THE ARCTIC CIRCLE!



THE CREW OF THE WRECKED SUPER-FORTRESS WAS STRANDED 600 MILES FROM THE NORTH POLE. LT. BOBBIE JOE CAVIAR FLEW THROUGH A GREENLAND SNOW STORM TO LAND ON A FROZEN LAKE—TO RESCUE THE STRANDED FLYERS.

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AT HEADQUARTERS IN THULE, GREENLAND, AIR FORCE OFFICERS PICK UP THE MESSAGE OF THE CRASH.

I'LL TRY TO PICK THEM UP AGAIN, SIR.

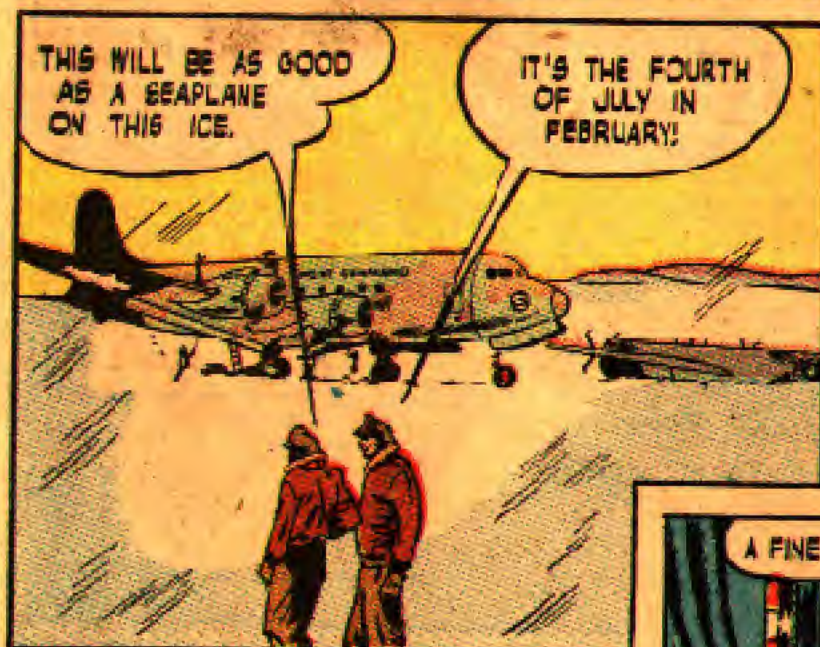
KEEP AT IT, BOY. TRY TO FIND OUT WHERE THEY ARE.













# "U.S." ROYAL

WITH HIS  
JET-PROPELLED BIKE



HOW  
JET-PROPULSION  
WORKS



DEPUTY U.S. ROYAL STREAKS TO A STOP  
ON HIS JET PROPELLED BIKE...

HI, FELLAS!

WOW!  
WHAT  
SPEED!

GOSH, U.S.--  
HOW DOES  
THAT JET  
ENGINE  
WORK?

IT'S EASY, BOYS...  
REMEMBER NEWTON'S  
THIRD LAW OF MOTION:  
EVERY ACTION PRO-  
DUCE A RE-ACTION.

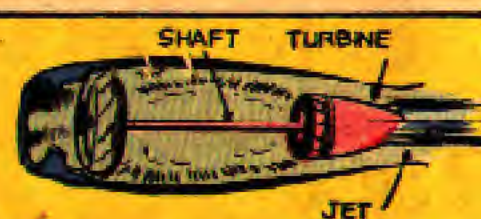
"AS THE 'AIR' SHOOTS  
OUT OF THIS BALLOON  
IN ONE DIRECTION, THE  
REACTION PUSHES IT IN  
THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION."



WHEN A SPARK STARTS THE VAPOR  
AND AIR BURNING, IT EXPANDS RAPIDLY  
...SHOOTING OUT THE BACK AND  
DRIVING THE ENGINE FORWARD.

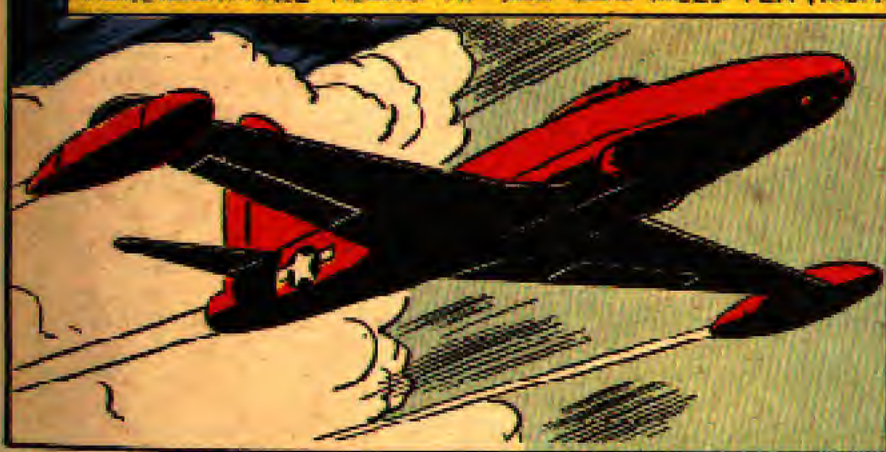


BUT WHAT TURNS THE  
FAN UP FRONT?



"AH, THAT'S THE TRICKY PART!  
ON THE WAY OUT, THE 'JET'  
OF EXPANDING GASES TURNS  
A TURBINE...ANOTHER SORT OF  
FAN. AND THE TURBINE TURNS  
A SHAFT THAT TURNS THE  
COMPRESSOR."

"UNCLE SAM'S NEWEST FIGHTING PLANES ARE JET-  
POWERED... RACE ALONG AT 500-600 MILES PER HOUR."



GEE, U.S. ...  
THAT JET-SPEED  
MUST BE PRETTY  
TOUGH ON YOUR  
BIKE TIRES!

THAT'S WHY I  
ALWAYS INSIST ON  
U.S. ROYAL BIKE  
TIRES.

THEY'RE TOUGH  
AND PLENTY  
RUGGED. AND  
DON'T FORGET  
THAT BUILT-IN SKID  
CHAIN FOR BETTER  
CONTROL.



NEXT ISSUE:  
OUTWITTING  
THE  
KIDNAPPERS!

THAT "BUILT-IN SKID CHAIN"  
GIVES ME TOP PERFORMANCE  
...SAYS "U.S." ROYAL!



"YOUR BIKE COMES ALIVE IN THE SPRINTS WHEN  
YOU'RE RIDIN' ON U.S. BIKE TIRES. 'U.S.' HOLDS THE  
ROAD WITH PERFECT BALANCE, SURE TRACTION.  
THAT BUILT-IN CHAIN DESIGN IS A RAPID-FIRE  
STOPPER TOO, AND FOR MORE MILEAGE, U.S. IS TOPS."

## U.S. BIKE TIRES

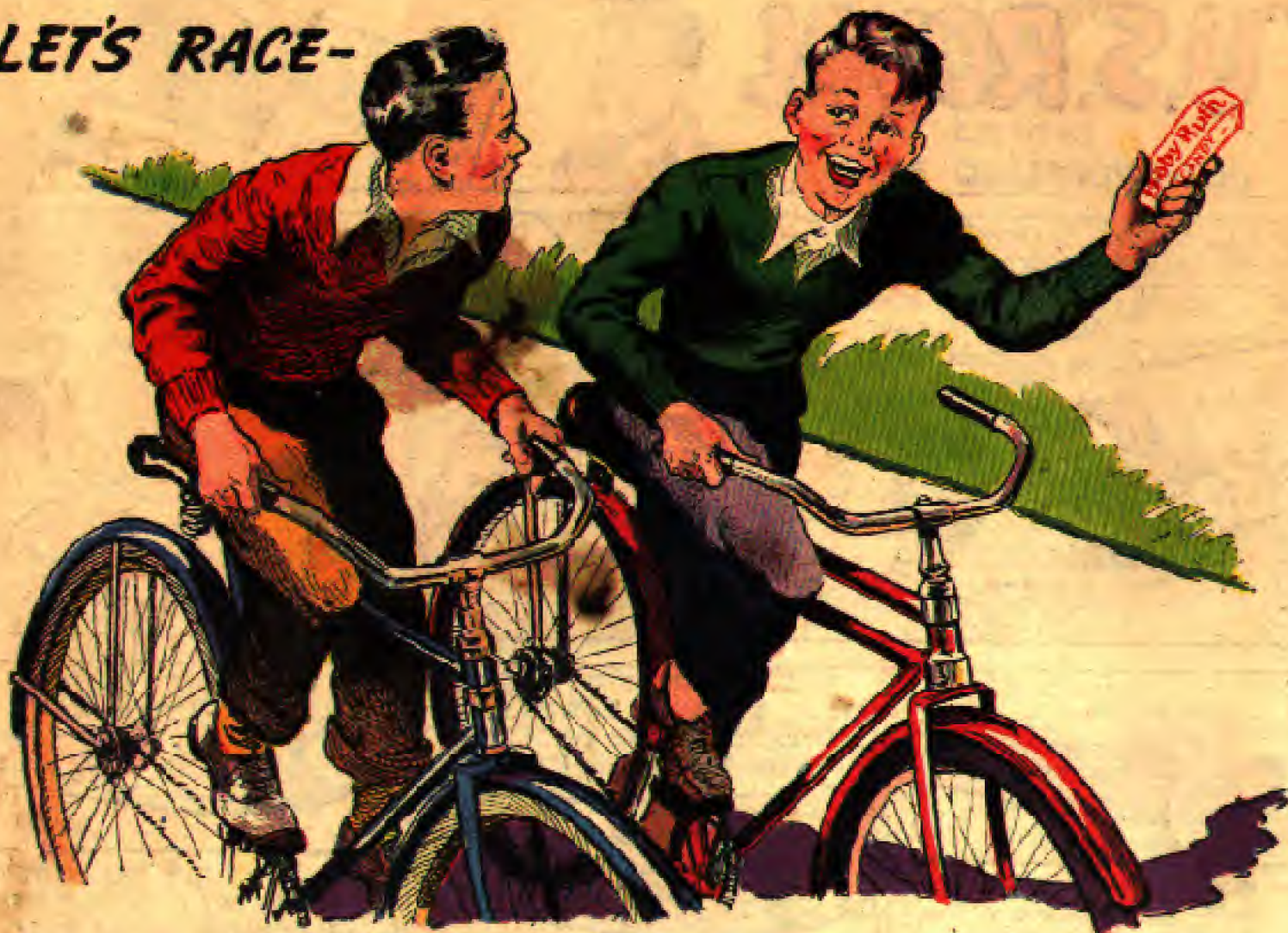
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